(*b*) whether there is any rule that preference should be given to those who are in the Government service ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether there is any deviation of the said rule ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao : (*a*) A *statement furnishing the particulars is laid on the table.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) On one occasion *i. e.*, for the class conducted from Vrischikom to Makarom 1113, 10 private candidates were selected against 5 candidates selected from among Government servants. This was due to the dearth of qualified hands in Theodolite Survey for recruitment as Surveyors on Rs. 25-40 in the temporary establishment sanctioned for the Survey Department.

South Ariad Arattuvazhi.

12. ***Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi** (*Karunagapally Karthigapally and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received representations from the public of Ariad South and North pakuthies in Ambalapuzha taluk or their representatives for the restoration of the South Ariad Arattuvazhi and its conversion into a cartable road ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken on the representation ;

(*c*) whether the respective owners of lands have undertaken to surrender the lands required free of compensation ;

(*d*) the approximate cost for the construction of the proposed road ;

(*e*) the length of the proposed road ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A preliminary investigation was made and a detailed report submitted to Government by the Chief Engineer and Government have called for a detailed estimate for improving the road.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Rs. 7,000 approximately.

(*e*) About one mile.

State Transport.

13. ***Mr James Fletcher** : (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are sufficient number of transport buses for hire on the Trivandrum-Nagercoil and Trivandrum-Neyyattinkara routes :

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(*b*) whether they have received complaints and representations that there is overcrowding in the transport buses running on those roads and that overcrowding should be relieved ;

(*c*) whether the Transport Department has sufficient number of buses in reserve to meet the rush of passengers during festival days ; and

(*d*) whether the transport buses are running at all the old scheduled timings ; if not, how many timings per day are eliminated ?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No ; but extra service on festive occasions is provided by temporary re-adjustment of schedules.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. James Fletcher : May I know from the member in regard to answer to part b of the question whether Government are aware of the over-crowding in Transport buses ?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi : It has been definitely stated in the answer that Government are not aware.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Quilon cum Kunnattur*) : May I know whether Government permit the over-crowding of buses ?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi : Over-crowding, as such, is not allowed at all. But on occassions when there happens to be the break-down of a bus on the road, the passengers may have to be given a lift in another bus following on the same line. This may lead to slight over-crowding once in a way.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : May I know from the member whether the Transport buses are checked by the Traffic Department ?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi : No, Sir.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : May I know Sir, then, how Government came to know that there is no over-crowding in Transport buses ?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi : Sir, Transport buses are checked by the Transport Inspectors who are as much the officers of Government as the Police Traffic Inspectors.

Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai : May I know whether the Transport Checking Inspectors are in duty bound to report to Government if there is any over-crowding in the buses ?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi : They are, Sir.

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